

AD HOC COMMITTEE
CRYSTAL LAKE MILFOIL COMMITTEE
Special Meeting Minutes
June 23, 2010

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dave Arzt, Monique Burns, Bill Merson, Rodger Hosig,

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jeannie Burns

OTHERS PRESENT: Mark Mickiewicz, Jason Houghtling, Maurice Blanchet, Charlie Roque

CALL TO ORDER: 7:40pm

CITIZENS FORUM: Mark Mickiewicz stated that Don Couture will be flying in his helicopter on 6/26/10 at 12:30 over Crystal Lake taking pictures of properties. If anyone is interested in purchasing the photo of their property 30% would go to the Crystal Lake Association.

REVIEW OF 2010 WORK: Dave stated that WERM has completed work for fiscal year 2009/2010. The work completed to date that finishes all the 2009/2010 fiscal year consisted of 81 hours for installation of benthic barriers, ¼ of milfoil from Aborn Cove (Area O), complete milfoil removal in Rte. 140 pond, and the stream that enters the pond and completed routine maintenance in the main body of the lake. Now that the pond has been cleaned of milfoil, the Fire Department can now use the dry hydrant at the pond to draw water from the pond. Chuck Pippin, Chief of the Crystal Lake Fire Department has been contacted and made aware that the hydrant has been cleaned and is ready to be used again.

WERM/KNOECKLEIN SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT STATUS: George Knoecklin performed a survey of the open lake in June of 2010 for WERM and found that 95% of the milfoil has been removed. Since last year, 5% of milfoil in the open area of the lake has come back and subsequently has been removed to date thru maintenance activities. The remaining milfoil is concentrated between the dam cove area, the north east cove area and Aborn cove.

TOWN OWNED DETENTION BASIN: Lisa Houlihan of the town planning office was contacted. She was asked who is responsible for maintaining the detention basins that feed the Rte 140 pond that has just been cleaned of milfoil. WERM has told the Ad Hoc Committee that these detention basins are filled with invasive plants such as milfoil and purple lustriff. WERM has asked who is responsible for cleaning and/or maintaining the basins. Lisa has stated that the responsibility of maintaining the basin falls with the Town. Lisa has asked if funds are available for removing the invasive plants or will additional funds be sought from the Board of Selectmen and what fee would be incurred for the removal. It was determined that a discussion needs to occur with the town to find a way to drain the detentions ponds that would ultimately kill the invasive plants. Jason will contact the Town of Ellington, Department of Public Works and discuss draining the pond.

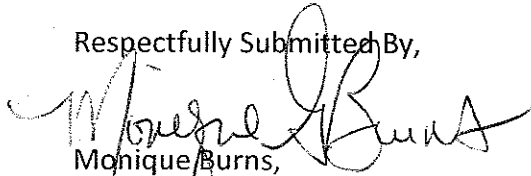
Subsequent to the meeting, Dave Arzt visited the Route 140 pond and the detention pond. It was determined that the water surface elevations of Crystal Lake, Aborn cove, the Route 140 Pond and the detention basin are all the same. In order to dewater the detention basin, the elevation of the water in the Main body of the lake would have to be lowered. Installation of a barrier fence at the outlet of the detention basin will be investigated.

ABORN COVE POTENTIAL DREDGING (US ACOE REGULATOR OF THE DAY 978-318-8338): This committee is charged with milfoil removal only. Any dredging operations fall under the US ACOE and any questions can be directed to the regulator. If anyone is interested in pursuing this activity, they should contact the ACOE number noted above. A letter stating this will be sent by the Milfoil committee to the residents that own property abutting Aborn Cove.

COMMITTEE MEMBER QUESTIONS: None

ADJOURNMENT: MOVED (B. MERSON), SECONDED (D. ARZT) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN THIS MEETING AT 10:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted By,


Monique Burns,
Secretary